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- 25X1X6 1. During the state convention of the SED in Halle, leading party members stated in confidence that the government of Saxony-Anhalt will be confronted with certain insoluble problems during the coming winter, mainly because of the extremely grave shortages of food supplies, occasioned to some extent by the catastrophic drought during the summer months. The ground in some of the most productive areas of the state is completely dry to a depth of 1.2 meters. There was no second harvest of hay, and fodder is lacking for livestock. An appeal for help directed to the government of Mecklenburg received no response, as a result of which "diplomatic relations" have now been broken off between the two states.
2. According to E. Hoernle, President of the Central Administration for Agriculture and Forestry, the grain, potato, turnip, and linseed crops which have been harvested in the Russian Zone are thirty per cent smaller than those of last year.
3. The Soviet AG factories, Rudolf Sack*, Leipzig, and Krupp-Gruson*, Magdeburg, and the "Traska" AG, Wolfen, have refused to supply would-be purchasers with agricultural machinery and fertilizers, except in exchange for farm produce. The foods thus acquired are delivered to Russian army posts (Kommandostellen). Krupp-Gruson has received over 500,000 kg. of potatoes and about 800 tons of flour since June 1947.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: The present status of the Rudolf Sack plant is uncertain; it may have been transferred to state ownership. Krupp-Gruson belongs to the "AMO" AG.

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